

Farmers' Department.

WATERING HORSES.—The quantity, as well as the quality, of the water given a horse will greatly affect his condition. Perhaps no animal is more distressed by thirst than the horse, a fact not generally known, nor fully appreciated. Horses should be watered regularly, when not at work, as well as when at work, provided, in the latter case, that care is taken not to let him have it when overheated by work. Irregularity in the supply of water is often followed by a refusal to partake of solid food, and more frequently by colic and founder, in consequence of his drinking inordinately when an opportunity offers. For horses, when they are not at work, it is perfectly safe to keep a supply of pure water always within their reach; but as before remarked, there is some danger in this plan when they are worked or driven, and are likely to become overheated.

There is a very certain way of determining when a horse has been neglected. If the master, on entering the stable and lifting the water bucket, finds the animal placing himself in an attitude of expectation, and eagerly gazing upon the vessel, it is point blank evidence that his usual supply of water has been withheld. Whenever it is possible, let the horse have water from a running stream.

GARGET IN COWS.—Garget is a troublesome complaint. It affects the udder and produces a morbid action of the system, but more particularly of the secretory and lactescent glands. If taken in season, common linseed oil rubbed carefully over the teats and udder will effect a perfect cure. In stubborn cases, from two to three applications may be necessary. As a preventive a few doses of saltpetre, per month, administered in dough or mush—a tablespoonful at a time—is highly valuable.

A GOOD CORN STIMULANT.—Two bushels of ashes to one of plaster. Apply between planting and hoeing, a small handful to the hill. If the application be soon followed by a gentle rain, the benefits will be more marked than if a drouth ensue. Some say, that by an application of the above mixture the value of their crop has been increased one-half. On some soils this difference would doubtless occur.

CANNING FRUITS.—It may be interesting to your readers to know that in these times of high prices many fruits can be preserved with little or no sugar. Currants, gooseberries, cherries, peaches and pears, require no sugar to preserve them. Raspberries and blackberries do not require more than four ounces of sugar to a pound of fruit, and strawberries but little more. We have now the different kinds nearly as fresh and good as when first gathered. Put them up the same way as if you used the usual quantity of sugar—that is, expel the cold air by heating the fruit after it is placed in jars, by setting the jar in cold water, which heat to boiling. The jars we use are Mason's self sealing, with zinc covers, which can be screwed on before the jar is removed from the water. We have never lost a jar of fruit put up in them. *Maine Farmer.*

BUGS ON VINES.—Every spring numerous inquiries are made how to protect vines from the bugs. I am not troubled with any. Whether it is accidental or the result of my practice I wish my readers to determine this Spring. When a boy of ten or twelve, I had my little garden under my own care. My grandfather taught me that if I wished healthy vines, to soak my seed from twelve to twenty-four hours in wood soot and water.

After having been away from the farm for some years, I am, for the last four years, back again, and I remember the advice given me when I was a boy, I have soaked my seed and raised splendid vines, entirely free from bugs. *Cor. Country Gentleman.*

CHEAP CAKE.—"Peggy" sends to the *American Agriculturist* the following recipe, which she considers a desirable acquisition at present, as butter and eggs are so costly: "Take 12 oz. of sweet fat, salt pork, cut it very fine, and chop until it has the appearance of lard (it cannot be chopped too much); put it into a pint cup and pour on boiling water until the cup is full. When cool enough to mix with the hand, add two cups sugar, one of molasses, one tablespoonful of saleratus or soda dissolved in a little water, spice (I prefer cinnamon and nutmeg), 1-2 lb. raisins, same of currants, (very good without fruit), and flour sufficient to make it of the consistency of ordinary stirred cake. By adding a little wine it will keep good three months."

SOOT AS A FERTILIZER.—Soot has been used in England with much advantage as a top-dressing for wheat, oats and barley, and has also been applied to grassed lands, potatoes and turnips. Twenty to thirty bushel, per acre are applied in this way, in early spring. For potatoes, it may be applied in the hills with the sets. If any of our readers have used it, we should be pleased to hear the results. *—Exchange.*

USEFULNESS OF MOWING WEEDS.—In the month of June weeds are in their most succulent state; and in this state, especially after they have lain a few hours to wither, hungry cattle will eat greedily almost every species. There is scarcely a hedge, border, and nook, but at this season is valuable, and it must certainly be good management to embrace this opportunity, for shortly they will become nuisances.

COOKS GRIDDLECAKES.—Scald at night half the quantity of meal you are going to use, mix the other with cold water, having a little salt and set it to rise; it will need no yeast. In the morning the cakes will be light and crisp.

HOW TO GET RID OF ANTS.—Take sage and strewn small quantities where they frequent. We have never yet failed of getting rid of them, not for a day or two only, but for the entire summer. Try it, you that are plagued with them, and we warrant you success. We hear much about camphor, but that, with us, never yet proved successful. *—Exchange.*

CROP REPORTS FOR APRIL AND MAY.—The bi-monthly report of the commissioner of agriculture, for April and May, is published, and on the whole gives a very favorable account of the present crop. Winter wheat was not so much damaged by the variable weather of the winter as at first expected, though it is estimated that the total falling off from last year's yield will be about 30 per cent. Spring wheat is looking remarkably well, but the average amount was not sown. A fair breadth of corn was planted, and the crop is looking very well. Oats and barley have been sown in greater abundance than usual, and were never looking so well. The hay crop is reported as looking remarkably well in almost every locality, with the prospect of an extraordinary crop. But it is likely the drouth in June will prevent this expectation being realized in many localities. Of fruit, apples are reported as looking well at the eastern States, but poorly at the West, and the same distinction is made in most of the fruit crops. The peach trees, as well as the fruit, were killed in many places at the West by the severity of the winter. There will not be an average crop of grapes in most localities, but in California there is a prospect of an unexampled yield, and larger preparations than usual are being made for wine-making. The commissioner speaks with gratification of the large increase of the maple sugar and molasses crop, and should the sorghum yield be good, the high price and large importation of foreign sugars will be much decreased. The correspondents of the department all over the country speak of the scarcity of help, which was greatly aggravated at the West by the departure of the 100 days' men. In many places the women have had to go into the field to take the places of those gone to the war, and in some sections the country is largely indebted to them that so much ground has been planted, and that the crops look so well.

SPARE THE BIRDS! The blithe, cherry little feathered songsters who have been spending the winter in warmer climes, are fast returning to our fields and woods, and are ushering in the spring with sweet carols. Their delightful music is dear to every lover of nature, and every such person bids them a hearty welcome. Not so, we are pained to hear, rude boys in some localities, who are pursuing them with murderous guns and shooting them in wanton sport. We hope there are few cruel enough to indulge in such brutal pastime, but wherever there are such, the law should at once be invoked to stop their merciless slaughter. Not only are lovers of birds, as one of the pleasantest features of country life, interested in this matter, but the farmer, whose pecuniary success is greatly affected by the presence or absence of the birds. To the farmer they are of incalculable value in destroying millions of noxious insects that would otherwise play havoc with his crops. In one of the districts of France, a few years since, the birds, by a mistaken policy, were all killed off. The consequence was that the farmers' crops suffered severely from the depredations of the insect tribes. The people, discovering their error, set to work to restock their fields and woods with birds, prohibited the shooting of them, and in time the insect pests were thinned out. It is not only cruel but a serious injury to agriculture to shoot the birds. We have stringent laws on the subject in this State and they should be rigidly enforced. Spare the birds!

THE MARQUIS DE CUPRIO. a grandee of Spain, was once giving the holy water to the lady, who presented him a skinny, ugly hand, ornamented with a costly diamond, and he said loud enough to be heard, *Quisiera ma la sortija que le mano; i. e.* "I had rather have the ring than the hand." The lady taking hold of the collar of his order, said, *Ej, de culebro que el uspo; i. e.* "And the halter, rather than the ass."

A Missourian recently visited Chicago and met on the streets of that place a stout, middle-aged negro, whom he at once recognized as a fugitive slave, his master being well known in St. Louis. The following colloquy took place: "Jack, why are you not in the service fighting for your freedom?" "Golly, Mass," said Jack, "eying his interrogator askance, "been dah long go, but you see de Rebels down dah shoot so karless at nigguh!"

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THE UNITED STATES CHRISTIAN COMMISSION. was informed the patriotic and philanthropic spirit of the members of the legislature officially visited this city, and put up at a hotel where negro waiters were employed. When they sat down to dinner they were remarkably polite to each other, and "Will the Honorable gentleman from Rochester pass the butter?" "Will the Honorable gentleman from Chenango try some wine?" and "Will the Honorable gentleman from Onondaga help me to some potatoes?" were freely bandied around the table. There were present at the time a gentleman possessing a keen perception of the ridiculous, and who became thoroughly disgusted with their apings of aristocracy. Finding that it continued, and determined to abate the nuisance, he turned around to a strapping negro waiter, and cried out so as to be heard by every one at the table, "Will the Honorable gentleman from Africa hand me a glass of water," which was followed by roars of laughter, and thenceforward the honorable members of the Legislature subsided into the American Myster.

A correspondent of the *London Herald*, writing from St. Petersburg, says:—"As the Russians can neither dance nor marry during Lent, hundreds of couples rush to the altar before the fast begins, and those who are fond of dancing—and they seem to form a numerous class—take their fill during the carnival week, as they literally dance from morning till night, and from night till morning. One would think a delirious dream enough for one day, but it is frequently followed during this short season of folly by a ball in the evening. The season will be closed by a *dejeuner d'adieu* on Sunday morning, and a ball in the evening of the same day at Winter Palace."

STRENGTH OF MATERIALS.—It is a remarkable fact that the most abundant material in nature, iron, is the strongest of all known substances. Made into best steel, a rod one-fourth of an inch in diameter will sustain 9,000 pounds before breaking; soft steel, 7,000 pounds; iron wire, 6,000; bar iron, 4,000; inferior bar iron, 2,000; cast iron, 1,000 to 3,000; copper wire, 3,000; silver, 2,000 gold, 2,500; tin, 200; cast zinc, 160; sheet zinc, 1,000; cast lead, 55; milled lead, 200.

Of woods, box and locust, the same size, will hold 1,200 pounds; the toughest ash, 1,000; elm, 800; beech, cedar, white oak, pitch pine, 600; chestnut and soft maple, 550; white pine, 550; poplar, 400. Wood which will bear a very heavy weight for a minute or two, will break with two-thirds the force a long time.

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Dickens's story of "Our Mutual Friend" is to embody much of those extraordinary developments of fraud and villainy known to the public as the Roupell case. Dickens was acquainted with the son during his dazzling, flashy career, and is said to have been "prospecting," earnestly, in the neighborhood where the paternal scoundrel lived and laid the foundation of his wickedly acquired wealth. What a subject for him! The reception of stolen goods on a scale to which Fagin's was a nothing; a "melting-pot" always ready, incited to crime, forger on forgery, profligate, extravagant, a mesh of intermingled villainy which the law has only partially unraveled—here be materials for a "sensational novel" indeed! Dickens can no more help drawing from life than an artist—or caricaturist. Has it occurred to anybody that his early legal training may be owing his way of going in to a subject?—*London Letter.*

GOD'S PLAN OF YOUR LIFE.—Never complain of your birth, your employment, your hardships; never fancy that you could be something if you only had a different lot and sphere assigned you. God understands his own plan, and he knows what you want a great deal better than you do. The very thing that you most deprecate as fatal limitations or obstructions, are probably what you most want. What you call hindrances, obstacles, discouragements, and probably God's opportunities; and it is nothing new that the patient should dislike his medicines, or any certain proof that they are necessary. No! A truce to all such impatience. Choke that envy which gnaws at your heart, because you are not in the same lot with others; bring down your soul, or rather bring it up to receive God's will, and do his work in your lot and sphere, under your cloud of obscurity, against your temptations, and then you shall find that your condition is never opposed to your good, but consistent with it.—*Dr. Bushnell.*

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